

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Canceled).
2. (Currently Amended) ~~The rack-mount storage system of claim 1~~ A rack-mount storage system, comprising:
  - an equipment cabinet having a first side and a second side, said equipment cabinet defining at least one device opening therein;
  - a first device sized to be received by the device opening, said first device defining a first mounting pathway therein, said first device having a first chassis sized to receive at least one component of said first device, at least a portion of said first chassis defining at least a portion of said first mounting pathway; and
  - a support spar being sized to be received by the first mounting pathway and being sized to engage said equipment cabinet, said support spar engaging the first mounting pathway and said equipment cabinet, said support spar extending substantially transversely between the first and second sides of said equipment cabinet to support said first device in said equipment cabinet, wherein said first chassis comprises a channel member therein, a top surface and a bottom surface, and wherein the first mounting pathway is defined by said channel member and the bottom surface of said first chassis so that when said support spar is received by the first mounting pathway, said support spar does not extend downwardly beyond the bottom surface of said first chassis.

3. (Currently Amended) ~~The rack-mount storage system of claim 1~~ A rack-mount storage system, comprising:

an equipment cabinet having a first side and a second side, said equipment cabinet defining at least one device opening therein;

a first device sized to be received by the device opening, said first device defining a first mounting pathway therein, said first device having a first chassis sized to receive at least one component of said first device, at least a portion of said first chassis defining at least a portion of said first mounting pathway; and

a support spar being sized to be received by the first mounting pathway and being sized to engage said equipment cabinet, said support spar engaging the first mounting pathway and said equipment cabinet, said support spar extending substantially transversely between the first and second sides of said equipment cabinet to support said first device in said equipment cabinet, wherein said first chassis comprises a channel member therein, a top surface and a bottom surface, and wherein the first mounting pathway is defined by said channel member and the top surface of said first chassis so that when said support spar is received by the first mounting pathway, said support spar does not extend upwardly beyond the top surface of said first chassis.

4. (Currently Amended) ~~The rack-mount storage system of claim 1~~ A rack-mount storage system, comprising:

an equipment cabinet having a first side and a second side, said equipment cabinet defining at least one device opening therein;

a first device sized to be received by the device opening, said first device defining a first mounting pathway therein, said first device having a first chassis sized to receive at least one component of said first

device, at least a portion of said first chassis defining at least a portion of said first mounting pathway; and

a support spar being sized to be received by the first mounting pathway and being sized to engage said equipment cabinet, said support spar engaging the first mounting pathway and said equipment cabinet, said support spar extending substantially transversely between the first and second sides of said equipment cabinet to support said first device in said equipment cabinet, wherein said first device includes a fore-to-aft center of gravity location and wherein the first mounting pathway is located at about the fore-to-aft center of gravity location.

5. (Canceled).

6. (Currently Amended) ~~The rack mount storage system of claim 1~~ A rack-mount storage system, comprising:

an equipment cabinet having a first side and a second side, said equipment cabinet defining at least one device opening therein;

a first device sized to be received by the device opening, said first device defining a first mounting pathway therein, said first device having a first chassis sized to receive at least one component of said first device, at least a portion of said first chassis defining at least a portion of said first mounting pathway; and

a support spar being sized to be received by the first mounting pathway and being sized to engage said equipment cabinet, said support spar engaging the first mounting pathway and said equipment cabinet, said support spar extending substantially transversely between the first and second sides of said equipment cabinet to support said first device in said equipment cabinet, wherein said support spar includes a first end, a second end and a center, said support spar being curved such that the center

of said support spar is higher than its first and second ends while said support spar is engaging the first mounting pathway and said equipment cabinet.

7-9 (Canceled).

10. (Currently Amended) ~~The rack-mount storage system of claim 9, further comprising~~ A rack-mount storage system, comprising:

an equipment cabinet having a first side and a second side, said equipment cabinet defining at least one device opening therein;

a first device sized to be received by the device opening, said first device defining a first mounting pathway therein, said first device having a first chassis sized to receive at least one component of said first device, at least a portion of said first chassis defining at least a portion of said first mounting pathway;

a support spar being sized to be received by the first mounting pathway and being sized to engage said equipment cabinet, said support spar engaging the first mounting pathway and said equipment cabinet, said support spar extending substantially transversely between the first and second sides of said equipment cabinet to support said first device in said equipment cabinet, wherein the device opening has a first side and a second side separated by a spaced distance and wherein said first device has a width that is less than the spaced distance between the first and second sides of the device opening; and

a spacer sleeve sized to be received over said support spar, said spacer sleeve extending between said first device and the second side of the device opening, said spacer sleeve holding said first device against the first side of the device opening.

11. (Canceled).

12. (Currently Amended) ~~The rack-mount storage system of claim 11~~ A rack-mount storage system, comprising:

an equipment cabinet having a first side and a second side, said equipment cabinet defining at least one device opening therein;

a first device sized to be received by the device opening, said first device defining a first mounting pathway therein, said first device having a first chassis sized to receive at least one component of said first device, at least a portion of said first chassis defining at least a portion of said first mounting pathway;

a support spar being sized to be received by the first mounting pathway and being sized to engage said equipment cabinet, said support spar engaging the first mounting pathway and said equipment cabinet, said support spar extending substantially transversely between the first and second sides of said equipment cabinet to support said first device in said equipment cabinet, wherein the device opening has a first side and a second side separated by a spaced distance and wherein said first device has a width that is less than the spaced distance between the first and second sides of the device opening; and

a second device, said second device defining a second mounting pathway therein sized to receive said support spar, said second device having a second chassis sized to receive at least one component of said second device, at least a portion of said second chassis defining at least a portion of said second mounting pathway, said second device being mounted adjacent said first device so that said first and second devices extend between the first and second sides of the device opening, wherein said first device is secured to said second device.

13-18. (Canceled).

19. (Currently Amended) ~~The rack-mount storage system of claim 16~~ A rack-mount storage system, comprising:

an equipment cabinet having a first side and a second side, said equipment cabinet defining at least one device opening therein;

a first device sized to be received by the device opening, said first device having a chassis sized to receive at least one component of said first device, a portion of the chassis defining at least a portion of a first mounting pathway; and

a support spar sized to be received by the first mounting pathway and to engage said equipment cabinet, said support spar engaging the first mounting pathway and said equipment cabinet, said support spar extending substantially transversely between the first and second sides of said equipment cabinet to support said first device in said equipment cabinet, wherein said first device includes a fore-to-aft center of gravity location and wherein said first mounting pathway is located at about the fore-to-aft center of gravity location.

20. (Currently Amended) ~~The rack-mount storage system of claim 16~~ A rack-mount storage system, comprising:

an equipment cabinet having a first side and a second side, said equipment cabinet defining at least one device opening therein;

a first device sized to be received by the device opening, said first device having a chassis sized to receive at least one component of said first device, a portion of the chassis defining at least a portion of a first mounting pathway; and

a support spar sized to be received by the first mounting pathway and to engage said equipment cabinet, said

support spar engaging the first mounting pathway and said  
equipment cabinet, said support spar extending  
substantially transversely between the first and second  
sides of said equipment cabinet to support said first  
device in said equipment cabinet, wherein the device  
opening defined by said equipment cabinet includes a first  
side and a second side separated by a spaced distance and  
wherein said first device has a width that is less than the  
spaced distance between the first and second sides of said  
device opening, said rack-mount storage system further  
comprising a spacer sleeve sized to be received by said  
support spar, said spacer sleeve extending between said  
first device and the second side of the device opening,  
said spacer sleeve holding said first device against the  
first side of the device opening.

21. (Canceled).